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GANJA PLANTATION
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE;KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of raids conducted by the Central Narcotics Bureau so far during 1999-2000 in each State to destroy Ganja plantation;

(b) the estimated area covered under Ganja plantation as detected by the Narcotics Bureau in each State and theapproximate market price of the product to be acquired out of this plantation, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that illicit Ganja cultivation/smuggling is not allowed in any part of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b) : During the year 1999-2000 (upto June) the Narcotics Control Bureau had conducted following raidsin various States to destroy illicit Ganja plantation:-

S.No.	Name of the State	No. of raids	Estimated area covered
1.	Kerala	1	4 acres
2.	Jammu & Kashmir	6	5 acres
3.	Punjab	2	4 Sq. Kms.

Since the ganja plantation detected by the Narcotics Control Bureau is destroyed, the question of approximate market price of the product does not arise.

(b) : Significant steps taken by the Government to ensure that illicit Ganja cultivation/smuggling is not allowed include constant vigil, stepping up of enforcement efforts, gearing up of intelligence machinery, vesting of powers in BSF and Coast Guards under the Customs Act to interdict narcotic drugs on the border, holding of periodic cross border meetings in which representatives of Indian and Pakistani narcotic agencies are present and stringent action against all persons arrested for drug trafficking under the NDPS Act.